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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of: David D'Souza, entitled PREEMPTIVE MULTI-TASKING WITH COOPERATIVE GROUPS OF TASKS, executed on March 27, 2000.

- X 1. This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 08/667,377, filed June 21, 1996, which is a file wrapper continuation of Application No. 08/125,930, filed September 21, 1993, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X 2. An application consisting of 17 pages of specification and claims and 11 sheets of formal drawings is attached.
- X 3. A newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X 4. An Assignment of the invention to Microsoft Corporation is attached. A Cover Sheet prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 is attached to the Assignment. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.
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- X 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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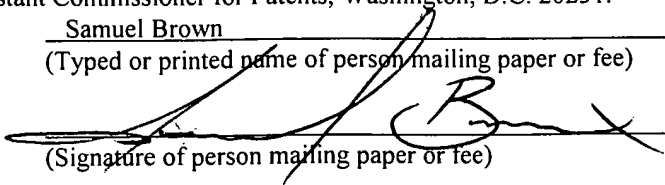
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